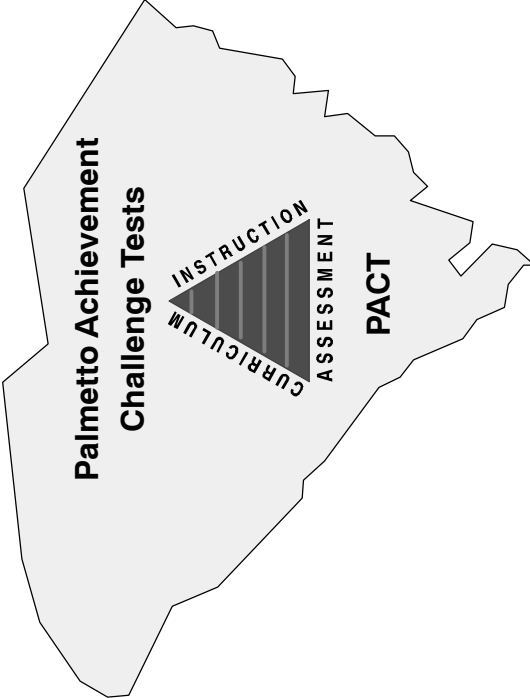


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Sample Items

Grade 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS — Sample Items — Grade 3

Time to Write

(The topic will be printed here.)

Write your response on the Final Writing pages in your test booklet.

- You may make a graphic organizer (such as a web, list, or outline) and write a rough draft on scratch paper.
- After you write the rough draft, you must write the final draft on the Final Writing pages in your test booklet.
- You may use a dictionary or thesaurus.
- You must write only one final draft on the pages in your test booklet.
- You should read over your final draft and make neat changes in your test booklet.

Does your response

- ☐ have an introduction, a body, and a conclusion?
- ☐ stay on topic?
- ☐ have interesting and clear ideas?
- ☐ use details and descriptions?
- ☐ have correct spelling?
- ☐ have correct punctuation and capital letters?

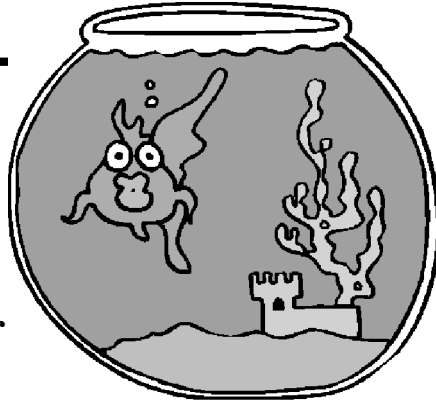
REMEMBER:

- ◆ Do not write a poem or a song. If you do, it will not be scored.
- ◆ Make your response long enough for others to understand your ideas.
- ◆ Read your final draft and make any changes neatly.
- ◆ **Use only the pages in your test booklet to write your final draft.**
Do not add any pages to your test booklet.

Read the instructions for setting up a goldfish bowl. Then answer question 1.

SETTING UP A GOLDFISH BOWL

1. Spread the gravel on the bottom of the bowl.
2. Pour a few inches of water into the bowl.
3. Place some water plants firmly in the gravel.
4. Gently pour more water in the bowl.
5. Let the water sit for a day to get it to room temperature since fish can't live in very hot or very cold water.
6. Go to the pet store to buy your goldfish. It comes in a plastic bag with water.



1. Why does the water have to sit for a day? Write your answer using complete sentences. [2]

Read and answer question 2.

2. Which pair of guide words shows where the word **beetle** can be found in the dictionary?

- ☐ baby – band
- ☐ bat – better
- ☐ box – brat
- ☐ broom – buck

MATHEMATICS — Sample Items — Grade 3

1. Find the sentence that is true.

☐ $10 = 8$

☐ $10 < 8$

☐ $8 = 10$

☐ $10 > 8$

2. Annie has had her pet gerbil for exactly 6 weeks. How many days has Annie had her pet?

Show your work in the space below. Write your answer on the line. [2]

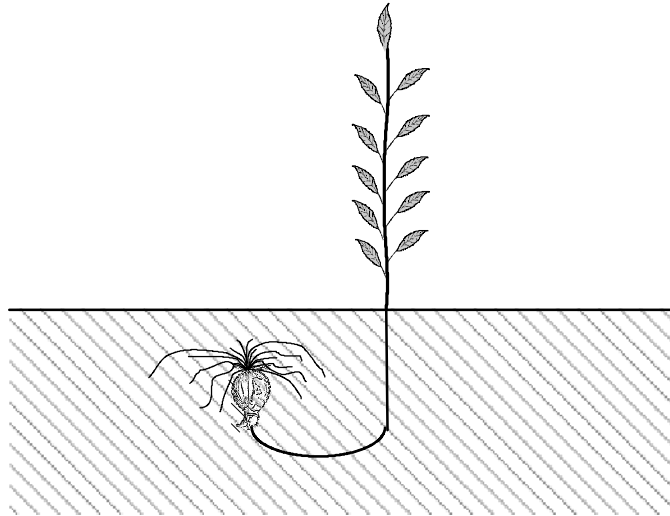
Answer: _____ days

SCIENCE — Sample Items — Grade 3

1. A biologist wants to measure the height of a giraffe at the zoo.
Which would be the **best** unit of measure to use?

- ☐ grams
- ☐ liters
- ☐ meters
- ☐ gallons

2. Suzy did an investigation to see how plants grow. She planted ten flowering bulbs upside down. After one month, Suzy observed that each bulb had stems and leaves that came up through the ground. When she dug around the bulbs, she found that the roots were growing downward. [3]



- a. Explain why the stems and leaves of the plants grew upward.

- b. Explain why the roots of the plants grew downward.
